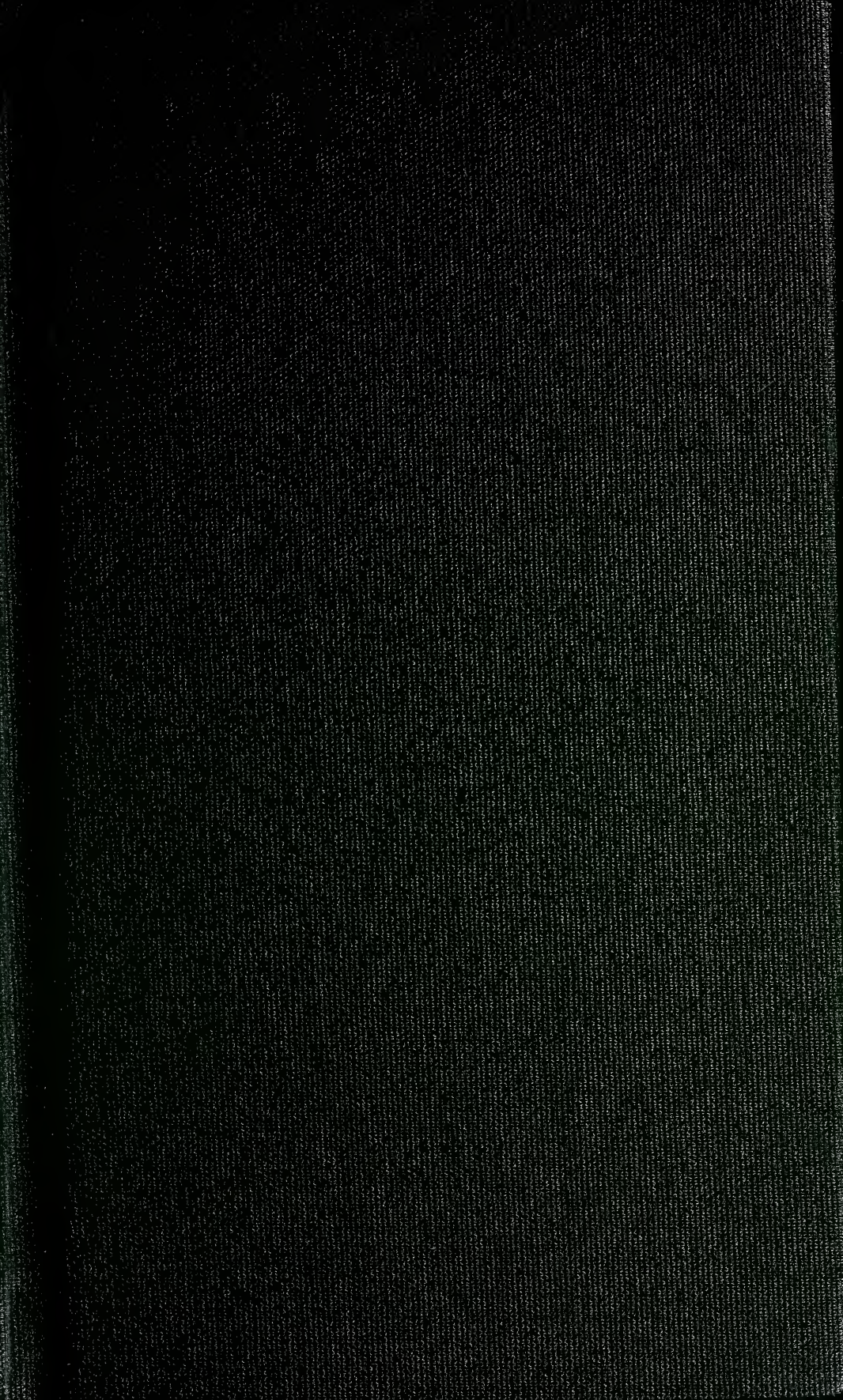
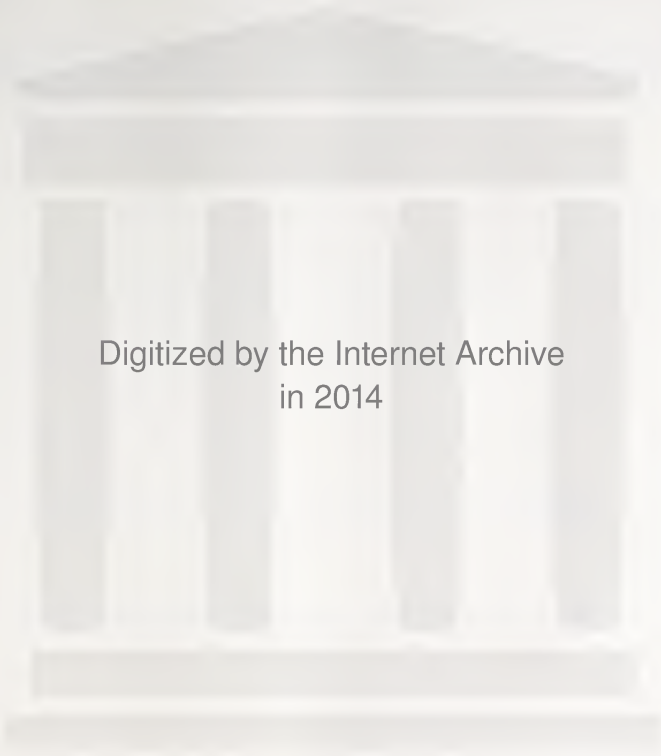






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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE



SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

LIBRARIAN,

OF THE

TOWN OF HANCOCK

For the Financial Year Ending March 1st, 1877.

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Joseph Davis Town Treasurer in account with the town of Hancock, 1876.

DR.

To balance of cash in treasurer's hands close of last year's settlement,	\$314 17
State bonds,	5700 00
Cash received State treasurer, savings bank tax 1876,	823 37
“ “ “ “ Railroad “ “	55 62
“ “ “ “ Literary fund “ “	63 90
“ “ tor interest on State bonds,	342 00
“ “ County paupers,	185 11
“ “ of collector Barney, for the year 1876,	2443 29
“ “ “ “ “ 1875,	495 74
“ “ “ “ “ 1874,	28 31
“ “ from town of Mason, for support Levi Barrett,	5 25
“ “ Willis A. Washburn, for cemetery plat,	10 00
“ “ Davis & Patten heirs, cemetery plats,	5 00
“ “ C. P. Bugbee, returned from school district No. 1,	5 76
	\$10,477 52

Joseph Davis town treasurer in account with town of Hancock.

By cash paid the several school districts, which includes the literary fund for 1876 :

Dist. No. 1, Warner C. Good, Prud. Com.,	\$150	76	
" " 2, Solon O. Wood, " "	100	76	
" " 3, George O. Wood, " "	100	76	
" " 4, Simon S. Fogg, " "	100	76	
" " 5, Otis Tuttle, " "	100	76	
" " 6, John Lindsey, " "	100	76	
" " 7, Andrew B. Stone, " "	100	76	
" " 8, Michael E. Harrington, " "	100	76	
" " 9, Charles Fairfield, " "	90	76	
" " 5, Harrisville, J. B. Townsend, " "	20	00	
			\$966 84

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid John H. Felch,	\$200	000	
A. D. Tuttle,	200	00	
			\$400 000
Paid State treasurer State tax,	\$1032	00	
County treasurer county tax,	\$584	89	

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid M. H. Priest, for C. Howard,	\$27	00	
Frances B. Thayer, for Lorena Hills,	27	00	
M. H. Priest, for C. Howard,	25	50	
" " " "	25	50	
Frances B. Thayer for Lorena Hills,	25	50	
" " " "	25	50	
E. R. Danforth for John Kelley,	3	35	
Joshua S. Lakin for " "	7	00	
			\$166 35

SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Stillman Tenney, for support of Lucy Tenney,	\$25	00	
Stillman Tenney for support of Lucy Tenney,	9	28	
			\$34 28

POLICE OFFICERS.

Paid David Wilds,	\$18 45	
Milton Tenney,	5 75	
C. P. Bugbee,	5 76	
Charles Turner,	5 25	
Albert L. Murphy,	3 00	
David Wilds,	1 50	
Jerome Weston,	1 70	
		\$41 46

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid C. P. Parkhurst for bridge plank,	\$10 89	
Jerome Weston, railing bridge,	5 50	
Thomas Brown, laboring on highway,	2 15	
E. J. Robinson, repairing culvert,	4 50	
B. F. Smith, for bridge plank,	10 45	
Charles F. Fairfield, bridge blank and labor,	18 09	
Gardner Towne, labor on culvert,	2 55	
James C. Towne, " "	2 55	
James Cuddyhee, repairing highway,	8 50	
Orren Nelson, for care sandhill,	1 85	
Benaiah Colby, bridge plank,	3 68	
Milton Tenney, labor and lumber for highway,	2 50	
E. R. Danforth, bridge plank,	14 57	
Giles C. Lakin, snowing county bridge,	2 50	
Joseph Davis for James Cuddyhee, repairing road,	6 00	
Otis Tuttle, labor on bridge,	2 28	
John Welch, repairing highway,	2 00	
John Lindsey, labor on highway,	1 20	
		\$101 76

NEW CEMETERY.

Paid Asa Simonds, building walls,	\$30 00	
Alvah Copeland, labor,	1 38	
		\$31 38

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Alvah Copeland, for material and labor on lobby,	\$9 18	
C. W. Fox, for bedding for lobby,	3 85	
J. R. Hill, iron work on " "	5 34	
E. R. Danforth, for labor " "	4 50	
" " lumber for " "	7 40	

Paid John H. Felch, labor, pail and dipper for lobby,	4 40
M. V. B. Greene, stationery,	13 00
E. R. Danforth, lumber for privy,	3 50
E. R. Danforth, stove funnel and slop pail,	8 62
E. R. Danforth, lumber,	1 08
Alvah Copeland, for nails and labor on hearse house,	4 00
John H. Felch, journey to Manchester,	5 35
Adolphus D. Tuttle, interest on Hub- bard legacy for library,	90 00
John H. Felch, for S. Tenney part in- terest Hubbard legacy,	5 00
John H. Felch, for E. Tyrrel family, in- terest on Hubbard legacy,	10 00
John Lindsey, schoolhouse tax,	50 00
B. B. & F. P. Whittemore, printing town reports,	30 00
E. R. Danforth, part interest, H. legacy for E. Tyrrel,	20 00
C. P. Parkhurst, damage to sheep by dogs,	6 00
Peter M. Whitaker, damage to sheep by dogs,	5 00
William Robinson, damage to sheep by dogs,	23 00
James S. Hayward, damage to sheep by dogs,	20 00
Andrew B. Stone, schoolhouse tax,	25 00
William P. Hall, watering trough,	3 00
Albert Jaquith, " "	3 00
G. Y. Sawyer & Son, for counsel,	3 00
T. M. Shattuck, for sealing weights and measures,	4 60
G. Y. Sawyer, for counsel,	2 00
John H. Felch, for counsel of L. W. Clark,	1 00
John H. Felch, journey to Manchester to settle with counsel,	7 15
John H. Felch, expenses to Nashua,	5 40
John H. Felch, furnishing treasurer orders,	1 30
Elijah Washburn, for watering trough,	3 00

Paid Michael Harrington, watering trough,	3 00
Joshua S. Lakin, damage to wagon on highway,	7 00
Hiram Fuller, for iron bar,	2 50
Charles Turner, care town clock,	12 00
" " " " hall,	1 67
G. W. Hayward, heating " "	2 00
Charles Fairfield, money for school purposes,	2 24
E. R. Danforth, part interest on H. legacy, E. Tyrrel,	8 50
E. R. Danforth, part interest on H. legacy, Joel D. Estabrook,	4 25
Joseph Davis, postage, express, making town reports and stationery,	7 58
Alvah Copeland, labor on privy and selectmen's room,	45 18
Enoch N. Baldwin, for housing hearse,	1 00
Rufus Tuttle, shingles for hearse house,	2 47
A. D. Tuttle, stationery,	5 32
" " hardware for lobby,	3 33
A. S. Scott, adm'r. D. Patten's estate,	2 00
A. D. Tuttle, part interest on H. legacy for library,	30 00

\$536 71

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Charles L. Otis, breaking roads,	\$46 27
Albert L. Murphy, "	43 20
C. P. Parkhurst, "	35 22
Owen L. Boutelle, "	23 60
Henry W. Ware, "	25 41
Henry J. Robinson, "	34 49
James Cuddyhee, "	27 95
Thomas Shea, "	26 87
A. F. Gordon, "	26 92
John H. Felch, "	24 01
E. J. Robinson, "	21 45
C. H. Dutton, "	20 23
W. A. Washburn, "	19 33
William P. Hall, "	18 08
A. G. Foster, "	18 60
J. W. Goodhue, "	16 45
C. G. Mathews, "	13 70

Paid J. S. Hayward, breaking roads,	14	50	
William A. Wilds,	"	14	27
Wallace Sawyer,	"	11	19
Simon S. Fogg,	"	7	97
Z. W. Brooks,	"	13	20
Walter Comstock,	"	7	57
Milton Tenney,	"	6	00
William A. Wilds,	"	3	00
William P. Hall,	"	2	85
Asa O. Wood,	"	1	50
Thomas Welch,	"	60	24
Alden S. Wood,	"	4	14
Nicholas Shea,	"	3	29
Henry F. Robinson,	"	4	20
Samuel Knight,	"	5	70
Chas. E. L. Hayward,	"	15	90
E. R. Danforth,	"	35	26
M. E. Harrington,	"	33	20
John Lindsey,	"	20	10
			\$705 96

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Joseph Davis, services as town treasurer,	\$20	00	
Joseph Davis, services as town clerk,	31	42	
Frank Barney, collector of taxes,	28	00	
T. C. Pratt, superintending school committee,	20	00	
A. D. Tuttle, librarian,	25	00	
Auditors,	6	00	
			\$130 42
Paid non-resident highway taxes,			\$88 00
Abatement of taxes for the year 1876,	\$1	60	
" " " 1875,	1	80	
" " " 1874,	1	80	
			\$5 20

RECAPITULATION.

Money Received by Treasurer,		10,477 52
Money paid out by Treasurer :		
Paid several school districts,	\$966 84	
High “	400 00	
Support county paupers,	166 35	
Support town paupers,	34 28	
Labor on new cemetery,	31 38	
State Treasurer, State tax,	1032 00	
County Treasurer, County tax,	584 89	
Breaking roads,	705 96	
Miscellaneous bills,	536 71	
Roads and bridges,	101 76	
Town officers' bill,	130 42	
Police officers,	41 46	
Non-resident highway taxes, receipts,	88 00	
Abatement of taxes,	5 20	
		\$4825 25

JOSEPH DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and duly vouched, and find a balance in the Treasurer's hands of five thousand six hundred and fifty-two dollars and twenty-seven cents, (\$5652.27.)

JOSHUA S. LAKIN,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
WM. F. SYMONDS,	
ANDREW B. STONE,	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Due High School Committee,	\$200 00
(March 13, 1877,) C. P. Parkhurst,	
damage to sheep by dogs,	4 00
(March 13, 1877,) J. S. Hayward,	
damage to sheep by dogs,	10 00
Alice S. Goodhue, note,	75 00
Betsey Mathews, "	65 00
Sylvester Tenney, "	500 00
J. M. Johnson, "	200 00
C. W. Farmer, "	529 19
C. M. Sheldon, "	156 44
Barney & Hunt, "	335 81
A. D. Tuttle, "	172 83
J. H. Felch, "	115 00
Peterboro' Bank, "	700 00
D. Hunt, "	126 68
M. E. Davis, breaking roads,	31 50
J. H. Felch, services S. S. Committee,	20 00
J. H. Felch, " Selectman,	75 00
E. R. Danforth, " "	61 50
A. Copeland, " "	56 50
	\$3434 45

The above are all the claims against the town of which we have any knowledge.

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

State bonds,	\$5700 00	
Money in treasury,	8 24	
In collector Wilds' hands, 1873,	1 98	
In collector Barney's hands, 1874,	6 63	
“ “ “ 1875,	73 41	
“ “ “ 1876,	412 55	
Due from the county,	2975 95	
		\$9178 76
Assets over debts,		\$5744 31

JOHN H. FELCH,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Hancock.</i>
EDWARD R. DANFORTH,	
ALVAH COPELAND,	

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and duly vouched.

JOSHUA S. LAKIN,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
WM. F. SYMONDS,	
ANDREW B. STONE,	

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Number of paupers supported during the year, 1.	
Cost of supporting town paupers as per treasurer's report,	\$34 28
Number of county paupers supported by the town the past year, 3.	
Cost of supporting the above county paupers as per treasurer's report,	\$166 35
Number of persons assisted as county paupers, who came into town to work on the railroad, 545.	
Cost of assisting the above paupers, (which sum includes the services of the overseers of the poor,)	\$5814 79
Received of the county on the above,	\$2838 84

JOHN H. FELCH,	} <i>Overseers of the Poor.</i>
EDWARD R. DANFORTH.	
ALVAH COPELAND,	

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and duly vouched.

JOSHUA S. LAKIN,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
WM. F. SYMONDS,	
ANDREW B. STONE,	

R E P O R T

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Nellie A. Knowlton, Teacher. The success of this lady in another district last year, led us to expect a very good school. Nor were we disappointed. The order was good and the recitations correct in the main. The attendance at the winter term was increased on account of the building of the Railroad. This made the teacher's duties more arduous.—The closing examination indicated a very commendable condition of things.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss Mary J. Dutton, Teacher. This school has increased in the number of pupils since last year. The single term of fourteen weeks embraced a very stormy period, and the roads were full of snow drifts. The teacher has labored to do her duty and the closing examination gave evidence of much work through the term.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Ella C. Ware, Teacher, Summer Term. Miss Ware sustained her reputation as a good teacher. Your Committee were well pleased with the advancement of her pupils.

Mr. Lawton T. Hadley, Teacher, Winter Term. This gentleman came to the work with no practical experience, but as he proceeded it became evident that he was equal to the duty. His school was in good working order.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Hattie E. Weston, Teacher. This teacher won the love of her pupils and the respect of their parents. Her success as a teacher of reading is worthy of notice.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Mary A. Tenney, Teacher. Both terms were taught in a very acceptable manner. This is a small school and was well governed.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Mr. William. H. Weston, Teacher, Summer Term. In this school we had an excellent illustration of the benefits of having a teacher whose education is not limited to the simple requirements of the law. Mr. Weston has a fund of information and a faculty of making it useful.

Miss Nellie A. Hadley, Teacher, Winter Term. This lady taught with more, if possible, than her usual good success.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Nellie A. Hadley, Teacher, Summer Term. The scholars made an extra effort to have a good school and were successful. The presence of Miss Hadley guarantees a good school.

Miss Jennie M. Nesmith, Teacher, Winter Term. Her style of teaching differs from any other teacher in town. We commend it to their attention. Thoroughness marked every step. There could but one result follow, viz: a first-class school.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss Carrie A. Parker, Teacher. Miss Parker is lady-like, self-possessed and well fitted to instruct. One or two instances of marked progress were noticed among her few scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Lettie W. Goodhue, Teacher. This teacher gave herself conscientiously to the work and having had experience, and possessing natural ability, she carried her pupils through the school year successfully.

The example of No. 7 in refurnishing their school room is worthy of imitation. The new seats and desks are the most convenient we have ever seen. Pupils can occupy them thro' the day with the smallest amount of fatigue.

It is a noticeable fact that our teachers are all residents of

Hancock, and six of them have done all the teaching of the year in the districts where they have taught. We would again remind you that the districts are too many. And we are gratified that the question of reducing them has been discussed considerably and is being considered still further.

Scholars not absent or tardy during the year: L. Kate Felch, Lena L. Tenney, Edgar B. Felch, Arthur T. Felch, Mary E. Weston.

Not absent or tardy,—Summer Term: Ida B. Newell, Emma M. Tyrrel, Annie M. Lindsey, Nettie I. Stearns, Jennie M. Willard, Elmer L. Cummings, Nellie L. Davis, Emma S. Davis, Ella F. Whittaker, Arthur C. Whittaker, Mylon E. Whittaker, Eddie T. Welch, Mattie E. Lakin, Bertie G. Lakin, Gilman S. Murphy.

Not absent or tardy,—Winter Term: Waldo M. Hayward, Willie W. Hayward, Bertie G. Stearns, Arthur M. Hayward, Emma C. Davis, Ida E. Goodhue, Eugene M. Ware, Warren F. Thorning.

THEODORE C. PRATT, } *Supt. School Com.*
JOHN H. FELCH. } *of Hancock.*

March 5, 1877.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

HANCOCK, APRIL 29, 1876.

Report and financial statement of the Hancock High School Committee.

MONEY RECEIVED.

Received of the town treasurer,	\$400 00
“ for tuitions,	22 50
Total,	\$422 50

MONEY PAID OUT.

Paid Chas. C. Messer, teacher two terms,	\$369 35
Farnum & Scott, for printing,	6 00
Willis E. Knight, janitor, fall term,	
1875,	4 50
Wm. Weston, for wood,	14 25
First Congregational society, for rent,	22 00
C. H. Ware, janitor, spring term, 1876,	5 00
A. D. Tuttle, broom and postal cards,	1 40

Fall term, 1875, commenced Aug. 16, and closed Oct. 29.—
Whole number of scholars, 47. Spring term, 1876, commenced Feb. 14, closed April 28. Whole number of scholars, 38.

Your committee are of the opinion that the school the past year has fully sustained its former high standing. The great point obtained in this school is the fact, that it is within the reach of every scholar in town. There is not a scholar in town of suitable age to attend the school, who may not, if so disposed receive its instructions, and prepare themselves for a life of usefulness, as teachers in our common schools, or in any other position desired, or tendered. It places a good practical education, sufficient for all the necessities of life, within the means of all, and were it not for its advantages, a large majority

of our scholars would be deprived of such an education as the times demand.

District No. 1, A. D. Tuttle; Dis. No. 2, Luther C. Dutton; Dis. No. 3, John W. Coolidge; Dis. No. 4, John H. Felch, Clerk; Dis. No. 5, Alden S. Wood; Dis. No. 6, Joshua S. Lakin; Dis. No. 7, Edward R. Danforth; Dis. No. 8, Asa Simonds, Chairman; Dis. No. 9, William Weston.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing account, presented by the Hancock High School Committee, for the year 1875-6, and find the same correctly cast and fully vouched.

JOHN H. FELCH,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
EDWARD R. DANFORTH,	
ALVAH COPELAND,	
	<i>of</i>
	} <i>Hancock.</i>

STATISTICAL TABLE.

1	No. of Districts.
37	No. of scholars.
14	Average attendance, summer.
25	Average attendance, winter.
0	No. of children from 4 to 14 not in school.
0	No. male teachers.
1	No. female teachers.
9	Length of Summer School in weeks.
14	Length of Winter School in weeks.
19	Total length of each school in weeks.
136.76	Amount of money expended.
\$4.07	Average amount for each pupil.
8	No. of visits by S. S. Committee.
63	No. of visits by citizens.
\$25.00	Wages of male teachers, including board.
\$22.00	Wages of female teachers in summer, including board.
\$30.00	Wages of female teachers in winter, including board.

In Hartsville,

Board given in summer.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

I herewith present the report of the condition of the Town Library, for the year ending March 1st, 1877:

STATISTICS.

Number of volumes in the Library at the commencement of the year,	858
Number of volumes added by purchase during the year,	52
Number of volumes added by donation during the year,	3
Whole number of volumes in the Library at the present time,	913
Books taken out for the year ending March 1, 1877,	2346
Whole amount of money on hand at commencement of year,	\$15 26
Whole amount of money received for fines,	1 14
Whole amount of money received from town, it being interest on Hubbard legacy,	90 00
Fifty-two volumes purchased at a cost of,	75 65
Expended for the repair of old books,	9 00
Balance of money in hands of Librarian,	30 75

The condition of the library books is good. New books will soon be added to the library.

A. D. TUTTLE,
Librarian.

Hancock, March 5th, 1877.



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